THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): It is under consideration of the Government.

Ban on movement of mustard oil

822. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UP had banned the movement of Mustard Oil to West Bengal creating problem in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether this matter was brought to his attention by the West Bengal Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K L. BHAGAT): (a) It has been confirmed by UP Government that they have not banned movement of mustard oil to any State.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of mustard Oil

823. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the acute shortage of mustard oil supply in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government were requested by the State Government to ensure enough supply of mustard oil to solve the situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government do not allocate mustard oil. The State Government is allocated imported rapeseed oil for supply through Public Distribution System. The State Government had requested for increase in their allocation of imported rape-seed oil. Their allocation has been increased from August 1987. The month-wise allocation from August, 1987 to November, 1987 is as follows:

August, 1987 . .	17,000 MTS
September, 1987 . .	19,500 MTS
October, 1987 . .	22,000 MTS
November, 1987 . .	22 000 MTS

Indigenous production and import of fertilizers

824. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E BALARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the indigenous production of fertilizers in the country during the last three years, year-wise and percentage of capacity; utilisation by each of the units;

(b) what are the details of the year-wise imports of fertilizers during the same period; and

(c) what is the inventory position in each of the units during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The details of the indigenous production of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers, in terms of nutrients, in the country during the last 3 years and percentage of capacity utilisation in respect of each of the units is given in Statement No. 1 attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIV. Annexure No. 32]

(b) The details of the year-wise imports of fertilizers in the country